

electrification of compressors constructed off Federal surface. The permitting of the compressors is the responsibility of the State of Wyoming.

Draft RMP/ LRMP Amendments: The Forest Service is using the analysis documented in this DEIS to make a decision on authorization of leases on those portions of the TBNG that have potential for CBM development. The Forest Service has released a Final EIS and Proposed LRMP for the TBNG. In that analysis, they deferred the lease authorization decision for this analysis. The lease availability decision will be made in the Record of Decision (ROD) for the LRMP EIS.

The outcome of the impact analysis has shown no need for changes to areas open and closed to oil and gas leasing or stipulations proposed in the Final LRMP EIS. Several new mitigation measures would be required for lease authorization.

The BLM has also reviewed the existing RMP's decisions relative to this EIS impact analysis. The Agency Preferred Alternative would result in amendments to the Buffalo and Platte River RMPs. The RMP decisions with this alternative would be to continue oil and gas exploration and development including coalbed methane at the higher level of intensity evaluated in this alternative and including new mitigation measures.

Draft Amendments for the Buffalo RMP:

- (1) No changes to current designations of areas open or closed to leasing.
- (2) No changes to current, or addition of any new, lease stipulations.
- (3) No changes to current resource objectives or decisions.
- (4) Several new mitigation measures would be implemented.
- (5) Impact analysis of the new RFD scenario for oil and gas.

Draft Amendments for the Platte River RMP:

- (1) No changes to current designations of areas open or closed to leasing.
- (2) No changes to current, or addition of any new, lease stipulations.
- (3) No changes to current resource objectives or decisions.
- (4) New mitigation measures.

The Final EIS and ROD would serve as an amendment to the Buffalo and Platte River RMPs. The Forest Service would need a ROD for their authorization decision.

This DEIS, in compliance with section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act (as amended), includes the Biological Assessment for the purpose of identifying any endangered or threatened species likely to be affected by the proposed action.

Two Technical Report Documents have also been prepared in conjunction with the DEIS. They contain detailed technical information regarding air quality modeling, and groundwater modeling. A limited number of the technical report documents are available upon request or they may be reviewed at the BLM offices listed above.

The DEIS was prepared pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act, and other regulations and statutes, to address possible environmental and socioeconomic impacts which could result from the project and to solicit public comments and concerns. This DEIS is not a decision document. Its purpose is to inform the public of the impacts associated with implementing the companies' drilling proposal and to evaluate alternatives to the proposal. This DEIS is also intended to provide information to other regulatory agencies for use in their decisionmaking process for other permits required for implementation of the project.

Comments, including the names and street addresses of respondents, will be made available for review by the public at the addresses listed below during regular business hours (8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.), Monday through Friday, except holidays, and will be published as part of the Final EIS. However, individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name and/or street address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

Dated: December 18, 2001.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Reopen Public Comment Period for Environmental Assessment for Proposed Improvements Within Jones Point Park Under the Woodrow Wilson Bridge Project

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Reopen the availability of the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the

proposed mitigation to Jones Point Park (JPP), associated with the Woodrow Wilson Bridge project which was originally published in the **Federal Register** (cite 66 FR 58517) on Wednesday, November 21, 2001.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Council on Environmental Quality regulations and National Park Service (NPS) policy, the NPS announces the reopening of the availability of an EA for the proposed mitigation to JPP, associated with the Woodrow Wilson Bridge project within the George Washington Memorial Parkway (Parkway). The NPS is soliciting comments on this EA. These comments will be considered in evaluating it and making decisions pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

DATES: The EA will remain available for public comment on or before February 11, 2002. Written comments should be received no later than this date.

ADDRESSES: Comments on this EA should be submitted in writing to: Ms. Audrey F. Calhoun, Superintendent, George Washington Memorial Parkway, Turkey Run Park, McLean, Virginia 22101. The EA will be available for public inspection Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. through 4:00 p.m. at Parkway Headquarters, Turkey Run Park, McLean, VA, at several libraries in Alexandria, Fairfax and Arlington, Virginia and on the Woodrow Wilson Bridge Project Website at www.wilsonbridge.com.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: All interested individuals, agencies, and organizations are urged to provide comments on the EA during this comment extension period. The NPS in making a final decision regarding this matter will consider all comments received by the closing date.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Dan Sealy (703) 289-2531.

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Superintendent, George Washington Memorial Parkway.

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